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Mr. Mark Ptashne
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Dear Mr. Ptashne:

To yours of the 10th.

I am afraid I can't give you a conclusive answer about the possibility of summer employment for 1960. I can't rule it out completely, but the prospects of there being space and a useful occupation for you are not good enough that I should encourage you not to look elsewhere. However, if you are thinking about Stanford for either graduate or medical work, I hope you will apply in good time, since we do have a number of research fellowships, both for graduate students, and on a highly selective basis, for part-time investigation by medical students.

If you have an opportunity to visit Stanford, I will be happy to discuss your further plans. I will be away until January 5, and again from January 10 - 18, and the week of April 10; otherwise, you have a fair chance of finding me here. On the whole I would advise you against choosing medical school unless you explicitly plan to continue clinical investigations, that is with patients. If this does not discourage you, I think Stanford would have an unusual program for you.

Yours sincerely,

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